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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR BISHOP FRENZ

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 6792 (B) SANTIAGO 6712

1. DAILY "LA TERCERA" OCTOBER 26 CARRIED FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT BY BISHOP HELMUT FRENZ'S OWN LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (IELCH) CONCERNING GOC'S PROHIBITION OF HIS RETURN TO CHILE. IN OFFICIAL DECLARATION, IELCH SAID CONTINUING PUBLIC ATTACKS AND DEFAMATIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH, BISHOP FRENZ, AND OTHER PASTORS NECESSITATED A REBUTTAL. DECLARATION LISTED CONGREGATIONS OF IELCH AND DESCRIBED CHURCH ACTIVITIES WHICH BENEFIT CHILEANS. IT STRONGLY REJECTED "FALSE" STATEMENTS OF JULIO LEAJTONIY (REF A), REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH FACTION IN CHILE (ILCH), LISTED NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR FRENZ, AND ITSELF GAVE SOLID SUPPORT TO FRENZ.

2. COMMENT: CHILEAN COMMENT FOLLOWING GOC ACTION AGAINST FRENZ HAS BEEN LARGELY FAVORABLE, EXCEPT FOR PEACE COMMITTEE STATEMENT (REF B) AND NOW IELCH DECLARATION. MUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF DISCUSSION HAS BEEN HARSH AND DEFAMATORY, WITH NUMEROUS

REFERENCES TO FRENZ'S ALLEGED MARXIST LEANINGS AND CONNECTIONS.  
ISSUE HAD DROPPED FROM PUBLIC VIEW UNTIL IELCH DECLARATION.

3. GOC SAID NOTHING FURTHER AFTER INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRO-  
HIBITION, AND HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION IT WILL REVERSE ITSELF.  
GOC SUPPORTERS TEND TO FEEL STRONGLY ON THE SUBJECT,  
AS AN EMBOFF LEARNED WHEN HE OFFERED MILD COMMENT ON HOW GOC  
MIGHT HAVE IMPROVED TACTICAL HANDLING OF ANNOUNCEMENT. AN  
ARMY GENERAL LISTENING IN EXPLODED AND SAID VIOLENTLY  
THAT FRENZ' REENTRY HAD BEEN PROHIBITED BECAUSE OF HIS ANTI-  
CHILE STATEMENTS ABROAD; AND THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.  
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